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## CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

[X] Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

## Enclosed are:

- [X] Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76) (3 pages).
- [X] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (58 pages).
- [X] Informal drawings (20 sheets, Figures 1A-1B, 2A-2C, 3, 4, 4A-4B, 5-31, 32A-32C, 33A-33B, 34A-34C).



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